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President John Reports



Our Guest Speaker last Monday Barbara Bonfield together with her 2 y.o. golden Labrador guide dog, Nara, gave a very impressive presentation about Guide Dogs. To look at this lady I am sure we all

felt that she was a normal sighted person yet in her presentation it was revealed that this was far from the truth. It is incredible just what a guide dog can be taught to do with time and patience. Barbara's talk finished at 7.55pm but with all the questions from the floor I closed the meeting at 8.20pm. Thank you to everyone who asked questions of our Guest Speaker.

Thank you also to everyone who after our meeting came to the Epping Club to help pack the sample bags for the Epping Street Fair next Sunday. We had 18 Rotarians plus our visitor Hannah Gordon who came and helped and with all this assistance we finished the job by 9.45pm. It was a wonderful example of just what can be achieved when we all put together.

Speaking of the Epping Street Fair please ensure that you know what is expected of you on Sunday next. We are having a stall of our own, promoting Rotary. Even at this late stage, if you haven't already volunteered, I am sure we can find a job for you. Please come along to support us. Thank you to John Briscoe for repairing the caravan steps. Roger Dunn has done a wonderful job in helping co-ordinate everything and I am extremely grateful to Roger for all

the hard work he has put in. As you know the major recipient of the profit from the Street Fair is the RYDA programme which educates Year 11 school students about the dangers associated with driving a motor vehicle and I remind you that it was our District 9680 who was the instigator of this programme and it has the support of Federal, State and Local Governments, many Corporations, Foundations, registered clubs and educational and community groups as well as many other organisations.

PP Graham Stevens' employer, BOC Ltd and their staff is the principal sponsor for this extremely valuable programme. RYDA has proven so popular that it is now Australia wide and as I write my report it is being introduced in New Zealand. The RYDA website is www.ryda.org

Please don't forget to put your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night as daylight saving finishes at 3.00am on Sunday. It is going to be a long day and we don't want volunteers arriving one hour before necessary. We all need our rest.

A reminder for those people who attended the Mudgee Conference, please return your red polo shirts, clean of course, to DGE Monica Saville. These shirts will be re-issued to us at the Bathurst Conference but we need them back now. If you want the same shirt back please write your name on a piece of paper and include it with the shirt in a plastic bag. Please do not pin your name on the shirt as pins do have a habit of rusting.

Thank you to Bob Nash and PP Graham

The Epping Mission Statement...

"To improve the well being of our community and foster international understanding through action by Epping club members embracing Rotary ideals"

Monday 26 March 2007

Simons who together with the young graffiti offender Alex helped me last Sunday clean up graffiti. We want Rawson Street to be looking graffiti free for the Epping Street Fair and I intend to make a comment about our valuable community project when I present a cheque to RYDA next Sunday. A reminder for the District Assembly on Sunday 6th May, all 2007-2008 Board Members are required to attend. It will be held at UTS Ku-ring-gai at Lindfield. Morning and afternoon teas and lunch are provided as well as refreshments at the conclusion. If you are unable to attend it is imperative you send along a replacement.

CLUB MEETINGS CALENDAR
EPPING ROTARY MEETS EACH MONDAY 6.15 FOR 6.30
BORONIA GROVE RAWSON STREET EPPING
Apologies to Neil Anderson 9876 1676 by midday Monday

Date	Topic	Introduction	Appreciation /Report
Mar 26	'The Way of Seeing the World in Black and White' Scott Walker	Russell Walker	Olga Scaramuzzi
Apr 2	TBA		
Apr 16	EASTER MONDAY - NO ROTARY		
SOCIAL & SERVICE			
March 25 Sunday	Epping Street Fair Don't miss it!	Roger Dunn	
HOSPITALITY THIS WEEK - PP John Corney			

This Week's Meeting

'The Way of Seeing the World in Black and White'
2006 Emmy Award Winner Scott Walker
Monday 26th March 2007



Scott is the co-inventor of a little black box that allows pictures and sound to be transmitted around the world wirelessly and the son of proud parents PP Russ and Di Walker. A good night out for wives and partners particularly if you missed Barbara Bonfield last week

John Royer
 Programme Director

Last Week's Meeting



A Guide Dog and helpful Friend. Our time last Monday, with Barbara Bonfield and her obedient Labrador Guide Dog Nara was quite interesting and thought provoking. Barbara explained the difficulties she experienced when as a young child with very minimum sight was very much dependent on siblings and friends. Later on she needed a cane and learned to use it and eventually graduated

beyond that level and in 1993 obtained her first Guide Dog. Nara is her third Dog. Barbara learned Braille at 30 years of age – quite a feat! and has worked in a factory (by touch, would you believe!), is very active in P&C, Mother's club and in the School Tuckshop. Barbara uses her computer quite well - her system reads back as to what is on the screen

enabling her to check on her typing! Barbara demonstrated the capabilities of her companion and Nara, responding to commands, guided her around the room. Barbara noted that it costs \$26000 and over twelve months to train a Guide Dog, yet there is no cost to the sight impaired person, She also noted that a Guide Dog, although a working dog, is similar to a child and needs to be treated accordingly. It was a most challenging presentation. Guide Dogs NSW/ACT is making a wonderful contribution to the lives of so many sight impaired members of our community!



Youth Service Report

Jade's Wish List - To Experience OZ & its Unique Culture

Is there something on Jades wish list that you can help out with?

- 1. The countryside in NSW (except Bathurst), shearing, milking, dressing up in country style. YEE HA! & COOEE'**
- 2. Victoria**
- 3. Visit some aboriginal places**
- 4. Great Barrier Reef (part of the safari)**
- 5. Fox Studio, Sydney**
- 6. Australia Museum and Power House Museum**
- 7. Vanuatu trip with rotarians (I would love to go on the trip but I will be on Safari)**
- 8. South Coast**
- 9. Go to an Australian Rules Football Match**

Pete Slattery

Partners Nights

Due to popular demand I have arranged a few partners nights for the remainder of the Rotary Year. Would you all please note these dates in your diaries.

Monday April 16th

Friends of the Gardens

Monday May 21st

Zoo Friends

Monday June 18th

Jade Paripoonnanonda's Farewell Presentation

In addition to these special nights two bonus nights have been arranged:

Monday April 30th **A Night of Entertainment with Flash Jack**
for Family and Friends

Monday May 14th **Dinner at Cibo e Vino** – Keith Williams new restaurant

Ensure partners come on these nights for an enjoyable Rotary evening.

John Royer
Programme Director



Rotary Clubs of Dee Why and Warringah

International Night



Tuesday, April 10, Dee Why RSL 6.30 for 7p.m.

WHAT SOME MISSED OUT ON AT MUDGEES !

Sister Susan Connelly of the Mary MacKillop Order presented one of the most moving and effective papers at the recent District Conference at Mudgee.

She spoke about East Timor and the feelings of misery and frustration of a people who feel let down by the successive governments of Portugal and Indonesia and now, Australia.

She sketched the history of Timor and the price its people paid because an Australian Commando force operated in their country to prevent an attack on Darwin.

She acknowledged the destruction of the country of recent times by rampaging mobs and posed questions about who is really responsible.

She talked about Rotarians continuing to give enormous help to Timor and how in the end the work for youth is the best chance of the country's salvation.

Now she will re-present her talk, with updates, to the Rotary Clubs of Dee Why and Warringah on Tuesday night, April 10.

On the same night, **Ms. Lolita Farmer** will talk about the History of the Philippines and the successful immigration to Australia by Filipinos.

Evening to end at 9 pm

Rotarians from other clubs, partners and friends are also invited.

Dinner Fee: \$25 pp

Please telephone Frank Featherstone, 9970-7790, for bookings before 12 Noon on Monday, April 9.

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## **Flash Jack**

**JOHN, JOY and JENI and husband CARLTON** thank all our Rotary friends for their condolences at the death of Joy's sister, June, and for their many messages of congratulations and good wishes at the birth of **Alexander Carl BONE**. Baby Bone is sparking on all four and (currently) has hair the colour of his maternal grandmother's; however, we all expect this situation to improve with time! All of us in Queensland are very fit and well (except for my dicky back!).

## **Out & About with Paul & Stan**

**Logistics Recruiter.** News is to hand that President Nominee Roger Dunn, last week commenced a new post as Business Development Manager with a company known as Logistics Recruitment - an International leader in Logistics and Supply Chain Recruitment. The firm is Australian, set up by a New Zealander here eight years ago, with head office located in the CBD at Castlereagh Street. It is the largest company of its type in Australia and concentrates on Senior Executive to Warehouse Staff Recruitment, operates throughout the country and with Recruitment Partners on a Global basis. Roger indicates that in addition to recruitment aspects, he will be mentoring personnel in the company new to the industry. His responsibilities will possibly take him traveling to Asia, China, United Arab Emirates, Europe and New Zealand. Best wishes to Roger for great success in this new venture he has undertaken.

**Well Earned Respite.** As President John indicated last Monday, it was good to see Charles Brown back at Rotary after three weeks respite at St John of God Hospital at Richmond. Charles enjoyed a complete break away, with long walks along a 750 metre pathway. All he had to do was to make his bed, just rest and soak in the restful atmosphere. Three, three course meals which were the order of the day helped it all along! He also had the opportunity to listen to lectures on stress and how to handle it, which were helpful. Other veterans were also resting at that wonderful place of recuperation. Charles says he feels a lot better and we are all glad that he is well enough to join us again.

**A Canine called Ruby Tuesday.** Why Ruby Tuesday, one might ask? Well, PE Peter Slattery explains it all. Pete reports that the name for the family's wonderful six month old Black and Tan Kelpie/Cross female pup emerges from the Rolling Stone's song Goodbye Ruby Tuesday. Reports also indicate that Pete was in a way blackmailed into buying it from the RSPCA stand at the Mudgee Markets held during the recent District Conference. We hear that Sue fell in love with it (also Rotary Friends) and influenced by its photograph with the note "Please give me a good home" and couldn't resist it - nor could Pete!. He says that he was reminded of the Black and Tan Kelpie his Dad brought home when he was about six or seven - A character he says. It would take the six sticher and interrupt first eleven cricket



matches from time to time. The coach was not too happy about it. Well Ruby Tuesday is a lucky dog and the Slattery's are too, are they not?

**Past President Extraordinaire.** DGN Tony enjoyed a pleasant encounter with Past President Eric Wade and Lorna when they met at their Doctor's waiting rooms whilst attending for a routine checkup. Eric appeared to be in excellent health. They continue to commute from their lovely home at Clareville and their home in Wahroonga. Eric and Lorna wished to be remembered to club members and expressed the thought that they would be delighted if invited to attend annual changeovers and similar occasions. Long standing members will recall that Eric was club President for the year 1970-71 and served the club for 27 years, retiring during Rotary

year 1990-91 .He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship Recognition in 1990, for his outstanding contribution to the club and the wide world of Rotary

**Youth Exchange News.** As reported last meeting Olga Scaramuzzi took Jade on a trip to Canberra weekend before last. With politics in the news, it was apt that they visited our Parliament Houses New and Old. They also enjoyed The Australian National Museum and Telstra House. Both had the experience that most of us have when visiting there, such as the one of driving around in circles and perhaps getting lost! Jade was amazed at Parliament House which was a highlight for a young person with the aspiration of becoming an Ambassador. An excellent time away –so says Jade!

Chris O'Brien advises that daughter Clare, an Exchange Student to Denmark and hosted by the Rotary Club of Odder in 2004, will travel to Canada later in the year to the University of New Brunswick (North of New York), where she has been accepted to study Anthropology for a Semester. Best wishes to Clare!

**Special Presenter** PP Russell Walker and Di's son is in town for a few days fresh from his Emmy award in Hollywood. Scott's Vidwave box has revolutionised the way pictures and sound is transmitted in television studios and he has kindly consented to sharing a few of his experiences with Epping Rotarians this week.

### **Anniversaries and Birthdays**

#### **Membership Anniversaries**

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| Paul Clune    | March 26 | 23 Years |
| Neil Anderson | March 31 | 27 Years |

#### **Birthdays**

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| Tony Castley | March 27 |
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*Paul & Stan*

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#### **Advance Australia Fair**

*Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free,  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,  
Our home is girt by sea.  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts,  
Of beauty rich and rare,  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.*

#### **Rotary Grace**

*O Lord and giver of all good,  
We thank thee for our daily food,  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,  
Help us to serve thee all our days.*